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(b) whether ghee and buttermilk are allowed to them, and, if so, to which of the classes?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the diet scales appended to rule 347 of the Madras Jail Manual.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"May I ask whether the hon. Member will alter the Jail rules so as to supply buttermilk to these prisoners who are not now supplied?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have given the answer a number of times on the floor of this House even the other day—Monday. It is under the consideration of the Government."

Depressed Classes

Acquisition of lands in Karikulavakam village for house-sites to Adi-Dravidas.

*375 Q.—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the enquiry promised by the Government in reply to question No. 461 answered in the Council on 1st September 1921 was made and if so, with what results;

(b) whether it is a fact that proposals were made by the Revenue Department and the Labour Commissioner to acquire R.S. Nos. 15/2, 19/1 and 19/2 in Karikulavakam village, Tiruvallur taluk, for house sites to Adi-Dravidas on the ground-rent system as notified in the *Chingleput District Gazette*, dated 13th March 1920;

(c) whether it is a fact that successive District Collectors Messrs. A. M. A. C. Galletti, C. Henderson, J. Gray and D. N. Strathie inspected the sites and approved of the proposal to acquire the land as recommended by the Commissioner of Labour; and

(d) whether steps will now be taken to acquire the said area and grant sites to Adi-Dravidas on the ground-rent system as notified in the gazette?

A.—(a) The enquiry was made in 1921 and the information obtained then will be found in the Annexure[a] in the form of answers to the question of 1921.

(b) Proposals were made by the Revenue Department to acquire S. Nos. 15/2 and 19/1 to 3 on a co-operative basis, i.e., by the Adi-Dravidas forming a co-operative society and contributing towards the cost of the acquisition, but were dropped as they were not able to pay the initial deposit as required in Labour Commissioner's circular No. D. Dis. 846/27, dated 16th May 1927. There was no proposal from the Labour Commissioner.

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(c) Mr. Strathie seems to have inspected the site and to have been inclined to approve of the acquisition of S. Nos. 15/2 and 19/1 to 3.

(d) The Commissioner of Labour will take steps to acquire the area, if necessary, provided the Ādi-Dravidas are prepared to bear the cost of acquisition.

Allottment during 1930–1933 *to the Labour Department for sinking wells, etc., in the Northern Circars.*

*376 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. Premayya: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the amount of money granted by the Government from 1930–1933 to the Labour Department in various districts of Northern Circars for the purpose of sinking wells and purchasing land for burial-grounds and the amount of money surrendered by the Labour Department to the Government during the same period?

A.—The amounts allotted and the amounts spent in the several districts during the years 1930–31 to 1932–33 are given below:—

District.	1930–31.		1931–32.		1932–33.	
	Amount allotted.	Amount spent.	Amount allotted.	Amount spent.	Amount allotted.	Amount spent.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam	4,160	4,160	3,024	3,024	..	..
Vizagapatam ..	3,878	3,714	128	53	..	..
East Godavari ..	31,500	29,580	7,180	6,647	7,527	6,814
West Godavari.	15,000	14,331	6,220	6,139	15,200	15,134
Kistna	20,000	19,777	7,344	6,075	9,600	7,696
Guntur ..	40,000	39,959	8,800	8,341	17,630	17,093

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Working of the compulsory elementary education scheme in the Vellore Municipality.

377 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) what the increase is in the strength of school-going children in the Vellore Municipality after the introduction of compulsory elementary education;

(b) what the number is of the pupils now on the rolls;

(c) what the number was before the scheme was introduced;

(d) how many prosecutions were instituted after the introduction of the scheme for non-compliance with the rules;

(e) what the amount is of fines realized under this head (figures for the last three years may be furnished); and

(f) what the special grant made by the Government is to the Vellore Municipality in connexion with the introduction of compulsory education?